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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000  
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000  
(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map. APR 12 1945
3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

GOVT. SOURCE

6TH ARMY GROUP. (241200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps. 1st French Armored Division. (Less CC2 and with 35th and 152d Inf atchd). Continued the relief of the 2d Moroccan Division.

II French Corps. Combat Command "2" 1st French Armored Division. No change. 2d Moroccan Division. The 4th Regiment was relieved by elements of the 1st French Armored Division and closed in a division assembly area in the vicinity of TRUCHTERSHEIM Q9007.

SEVENTH ARMY. 70th Division and 13th Armored Division. No change. 44th Division. Attached to XV Corps effective 231820A. 10th and 12th Armored Divisions. Assigned to Seventh Army and attached to XXI Corps.

VI Corps. Groupment Monsabert. Combat Command "6" 5th French Armored Division attacked northeast followed by the 3d Algerian Division and gained eight miles on a nine-mile front. Resistance was light rear guard action. Front line change: NEUBURG R3743 - HAGENBACH R3746 - JOCKGRIM R3955 - RHEINZABERN R3958. The 5th French Armored Division (less CC6 was relieved from attachment to the 3d Algerian Division but remained under command of the Groupment Monsabert. 36th Division. Attacked on the left of Groupment Monsabert and gained ten miles on a two and one-half mile front. Captured LEIMERSHEIM R4458, NEUPFOTZ R4257 and KUhardt R4260 and reached the RHINE River at R4558. Contact was maintained with 5th French Armored Division at RHEINZABERN R3958. Resistance was light. Front line change: NEUPFOTZ R4257 - RHINE River R4558 - KUhardt R4260. 14th Armored Division. Captured KANDEL R3354 and HERXHEIM R3561 and reached HORDT R4363. Front line change: HORDT R4363 - R4364 - R4165. 103d Division. The 409th and 411th Infantry Regiments assembled in the vicinity of KLINGENMUNSTER R2060. The 410th Infantry mopped up remaining resistance southwest of the town. 42d Division. Commenced to assemble in the vicinity of DAHN R0361. 4th Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of HAGUENAU R0823.

XXI Corps. 71st Division. The 14th and 66th Infantry Regiments closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of R3078. The 5th Infantry commenced movement to the vicinity of SPEYER R5080. 12th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" was heavily engaged with hostile rear guards in the vicinity of BELLHEIM R4066 and R4571. 100th Division. Commenced to assemble in the division assembly area in the vicinity of NEUSTADT R2983. The 399th Infantry mopped up remaining resistance in LUDWIGSHAFEN R5198. 10th Armored Division. Commenced to assemble north of LANDAU R2766.

XV Corps. 3d Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of M3101. 45th Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of M3007. 63d Division. Commenced movement to M2007. 6th Armored Division. Relieved from attachment to XV Corps and assigned to Third Army at 231800A.

21 ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY. (242400A). XIX Corps. No change.

XIII Corps. Corps artillery supported the attack of XVI Corps.

XVI Corps. 79th Division. Attacked across the RHINE River at 0300A and seized a bridgehead four miles deep on a four and one-half mile front. Captured OVERBRUCH A2927 and reached WALSUM A2826 and DINSLAKEN A3129 where fighting continued. Resistance was light. Front line change: WALSUM A2826 - A3026 - A3127 - A3226 - A3229 - DINSLAKEN A3129 - A3030 - A2933. 30th Division. Made an assault

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crossing of the RHINE River at 0200A and seized a bridgehead area six miles in depth on a six-mile front. Captured FRIEDRICHSFELD A2537, LOHNEN A2533, MOLLEN A2732, MEHRUM A2231, ORK A2133 and SPELLEN A2235. The railroad line in the area A2536 and the road DINSLAKEN A3129 - WESEL A2240 in the vicinity of A2834 were cut. Contact with the 79th Division was established in the vicinity of A2933. Initially, resistance was light except for heavy opposition in the vicinity of A2531; later, moderate to heavy resistance was met. Considerable direct fire from armored vehicles was encountered. Front line change: A3134 - A2933 - A2834 - A2734 - A2735 - A2635 - A2536 - A2537 - A2338 - A2239.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. 11th Armored Division. No change.

XII Corps. 1st Commando Brigade. Continued fighting in WESEL A2240. A counterattack in the vicinity of A2341 was broken up by artillery fire. 15th Division. The 44th Brigade passed through the 3d Parachute Brigade (6th Abn Div) and cut the road MEHR A1248 - HAMMINKELN A2048 at A1750. Established contact with the 17th US Airborne Division at DIERSFORDT A1744. The 46th Brigade captured MEHR A1248. The 227th Brigade reached HAFFEN A1149 where house-to-house fighting took place. Resistance was light to moderate. Front line change: A1642 - A1744 and A1750 - A1349 - A1250 - A1150 - HAFFEN A1149.

XXX Corps. 51st Division. Expanded its bridgehead to the east up to one mile against heavy enemy resistance. The 9th Brigade (3d Br Div) was attached to the division and commenced the relief of the 154th Brigade from A0556 to A0355. Fighting continued in REES A0752 and SPELDROF A0654. Front line change: A0954 - A0855 - SPELDROF A0654 - A0556 - A0456 - A0355.

XVIII US Airborne Corps. 17th US Airborne Division. Reached the ISSEL River at A2247. Front line: DIERSFORDT A1744 - A1845 - A2343 - ISSEL River A2247. 6th Airborne Division. Held the line A2248 - A2150 - A1950 - A1750.

II Canadian Corps. No change.

VIII Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I Canadian Corps and I British Corps. No change.

AIR. (24 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 1,747 aircraft against airfields in western and northwestern Germany and on a supply-dropping mission to the 21 Army Group assault area east of the RHINE River. 1,712 aircraft dropped 3,088.8 tons of general purpose and 103.5 tons of incendiary bombs on assigned targets and several targets of opportunity. 582.3 tons of supplies were dropped in assigned areas. Twenty-six aircraft were lost. 1,330 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber forces and on area patrols. Claims included fifty-nine enemy aircraft. Four P51s were lost. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 701 bombers against flak positions and other targets in the RUHR. The Tactical Air Commands flew 2,080 sorties. Claims included 28 enemy aircraft, 442 motor transport, 24 locomotives and 294 railroad cars.

#### 4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Small amount of low cloud. Visibility: 2 to 3 miles at dawn, becoming 3 to 5 miles by 0900A and 5 to 7 miles by 1200A. Wind: 18 mph, south southeast. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 68° F. Minimum 48° F.

#### 5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. XX Corps. 94th Division. Continued to be relieved by units of the Seventh US Army. The division commenced to assemble in the vicinity of BAUMHOLDER L7113. Combat Command "A" reverted to the 12th Armored Division at 241200A. 11th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" continued to defend the line of the RHINE River from WORMS M4515 to M4832. Combat Command "A" closed in the vicinity of WINTERSHEIM M3931 and Combat Command "R" assembled in the vicinity of

KIRCHHEIM BOLANDEN M1918. 80th Division. Continued movement to the vicinity of ROCKENHAUSEN M0614.

XII Corps. 4th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" advanced fourteen miles east against light to stubborn resistance. Units captured EBERSTADT M6535 and reached GR. ZIMMERN M7842. Combat Command "B" crossed into the bridgehead in the vicinity of STOCKSTADT M5234. Then attacked and advanced nineteen miles to the outskirts of REINHEIM M7937. Front line change: M4832 - M6829 - REINHEIM M7937 - GR. ZIMMERN M7842 - M7236 - M7036 - M6535. 90th Division. Advanced two miles east on a five-mile front against light opposition. Units captured GODDELAU M5437 and BUTTELBORN M5645 and reached GRIESHEIM M5930. The 358th Infantry Regiment moved into the bridgehead area. The 2d Cavalry Group was relieved from attachment to the 90th Division and attached to the 26th Division without change in position. Front line change: M5838 - GRIESHEIM M5940 - M5741 - woods M5742 - BUTTELBORN M5645. 5th Division. Advanced three miles northeast against disorganized resistance. Units captured BAUSCHHEIM M4651, continued house-to-house fighting in GERAU M5347 and reached the outskirts of NAUHEIM M5149. Front line change: M5445 - M5447 - GERAU M5347 - NAUHEIM M5149 - M5151 - M4951 - M4750 - BAUSCHHEIM M4651 - M4351. 6th Armored Division. Continued to close in the vicinity of SPRENDILMGEN M1840.

VIII Corps. 87th Division. Attacked at 0001A and established bridgeheads across the RHINE River. Units advanced up to one mile through woods against initially moderate to heavy opposition from artillery, direct anti-aircraft, mortar and small arms fire. Front line change: L9280 - L9181 - L9182 and BRAUBACH L9386 - high ground L9289 - L9091. 89th Division. The 353d and 354th Infantry Regiments closed in the vicinity of L8664.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 9th Armored Division. All combat commands closed in the V Corps bridgehead area. Combat Command "B" attacked at 0200A and advanced four miles southeast along the east bank of the RHINE River. Captured BENDORF F8802 and VALLENDAR F9100 and seized the bridge intact over the SAYN River at F8702. Front line change: VALLENDAR F9100 - BENDORF F8802. 2d Division. Advanced three miles east on a three-mile front against light resistance. Captured GLADBACH F8406, STROMBERG F9006 and BEND SAYN F8804. Front line change: BEND SAYN F8804 - F8904 - STROMBERG F9006 - F8908 - F8312.

III Corps. 99th Division. Attacked at 2000A against light resistance from infantry weapons and self-propelled gun fire. Units advanced three miles east on a four-mile front and captured BONEFELD F8214, ELLINGEN F8416, OBR. HONNEFELD F8417 and DASBACH F8119. Front line change: BONEFELD F8214 - F8215 - ELLINGEN F8416 - OBR. HONNEFELD F8417 - F8418 - F8319 - DASBACH F8119. 9th Division. The 39th Infantry Regiment attacked at 2000A and the 47th Infantry Regiment at 2200A. Units advanced two miles on a four-mile front against light resistance but encountered heavily mined areas. BORSCHHEID F8022 and NEUSTADT F7924 were captured. Front line change: F8021 - F8121 - BORSCHHEID F8022 - F7923 - NEUSTADT F7924 - F7825 - F7726 - F7727. 7th Armored Division. Assembled in the bridgehead in the vicinity of F7122.

VII Corps. 104th Division. (Less 414th Inf). Captured KRAUTSCHEID F7433 and the high ground at F7528 against small arms, self-propelled guns and artillery fire and consolidated positions. Front line change: High ground F7528 - KRAUTSCHEID F7433. 3d Armored Division. (With 414th Inf atchd). Attacked at 0400A with Combat Command "A" through the 104th Division and Combat Command "B" through the 1st Division. Combat Command "A" advanced two miles against self-propelled and small arms fire. Combat Command "B" advanced four miles through heavily mined areas and against self-propelled gun and tank fire. Difficult terrain hampered the rapid advance of the division. ASBACH F7829 was captured. Front line change: ASBACH F7829 - F7831 - F8132 - F8034. 1st Division. Encountered heavy resistance and numerous counterattacks by infantry supported by tanks and self-propelled guns during the first part of the period. All counterattacks were repulsed and units made good progress and captured UCKERATH F7436. The 16th Infantry continued the attack at 0500A but was forced to withdraw west of BIERTH F7338 by heavy pressure from tanks and infantry at 0640A. The counterattack was contained at 0900A. Another counterattack at 0930A in the vicinity of

F7239 was repulsed but the regiment continued to be heavily engaged by enemy armor. Twenty tanks and self-propelled guns were destroyed by the division and by close-in air support. Front line change: F7637 - UCKERATH F7436 - F7333 - F7239 - F7240. 70th Division. Made a diversionary demonstration and feinted a river crossing. Units made a small advance to the vicinity of F7042. A counter-attack in the vicinity of F6044 made some penetration but was dispersed by O100A and the enemy pocket mopped up. Units of the 4th Cavalry Group were relieved along the SIEG River. Front line change: F7042 - F6841.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 36th Division. Commenced movement to the vicinity of COLOGNE F4560 and DUREN F1145. 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 27th, 106th Divisions, XXII and XXIII Corps. All no change.

6. ENGINEER.

Ninth Army: A heavy ponton bridge was constructed at A2133 and a roadway bridge at A2034. Treadway bridges were under construction at A2729 and A2230.

7. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 242400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
Twelfth Army Group Battle	65,450	267,334	35,169	9,180	377,143
Non-battle					272,330
Total Casualties					657,023

8. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group

6th Army Group	PHALSBURG Q6519
XV Corps	EISENBERG M2406
XXI Corps	PIRMASENS Q9066
3d Division	CARLSBERG M2200
36th Division	BERGZAPERN R1955
42d Division	DAHN R0361
45th Division	WESTHOFEN M3722
71st Division	PIRMASENS Q0066
100th Division	MECKENHEIM R3689
103d Division	DIRKENHOF R1457
10th Armored Division	NEUSTADT R2923
12th Armored Division	OTTERBERG M0200
13th Armored Division	ZWEIBRUCKEN Q7272

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V Corps	NEUWIED F8003
XII Corps	UNDENHEIM M3433
1st Division	F6734
5th Division	KONGERNHEIM M3633
30th Division	ROCKENHAUSEN M0614
90th Division	KONGERNHEIM M3633
3d Armored Division	EUDENBACH F7132
4th Armored Division	LEEHEIM M5040

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